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## City Council To Vote On Rezoning of Hoosick Street Corridor

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(March 2, 2005- TROY)- The Troy City Council will vote Thursday night on the rezoning of the entire Hoosick Street Corridor. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall.

The rezoning will be the second large zoning project the Council has undertaken in the past year. In 2004, the Council rezoned the South Troy Waterfront. The Hoosick Street rezoning comes after years of studies, consultants, and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent.

"It's an understatement to say this has been a long time coming," Mayor Harry J Tutunjian said. "The Hoosick Street Corridor represents an amazing opportunity to build the tax base in the City of Troy, and we are sending the message that while other municipalities may be halting development, Troy is open for business."

Included in the rezoning are strict guidelines that new businesses will have follow closely in developing Hoosick Street. The corridor is currently the second most heavily traveled road in the Capital District during the day.

"For too long we have simply been the place people would drive through on their way to work, on their way to Vermont, or on their way any other place," Tutunjian said. "It is our sincerest belief that this zoning will change that and make Route 7 a destination rather than a place to drive through quickly."

City Councilman Art Judge represents District 3 in the City of Troy. The Hoosick Street Corridor is right in the middle of the area he has been representing for the more than three years.

"Don't underestimate the important of this legislation," Judge said. "There have been numerous inquires by developers seeking to move forward with their plans when this is complete. Hoosick Street was once a residential neighborhood, but it is no longer. Times have changed and the anticipated commercial development will help the City and school district tremendously."

City Councilwoman Carolin Collier is the Chair of the Planning Committee. She is excited about the conclusion of the rezoning.

"We've spent a lot of time on it, but it will all be worth it in the end," Collier said. "This road is vital to increasing our tax base and taking advantage of what we have in Troy."